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## COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF INSIGHT PHONE OF OHIO, LLC D/B/A INSIGHT PHONE TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 13-64 Comp. Pol. File No. 1087

Comments Due: March 26, 2013

**Section 214 Application** 

Applicant: Insight Phone of Ohio, LLC d/b/a Insight Phone

On February 5, 2013, Insight Phone of Ohio, LLC d/b/a Insight Phone (Insight or Applicant), located at 60 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10023, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain domestic telecommunications services in Columbus, Ohio.

Insight indicates that it currently provides circuit-switched local exchange services to approximately 600 customers in Columbus, Ohio. Insight explains, however, that it is changing its telephone service offerings and that it will no longer offer circuit-switched local exchange services in Columbus, Ohio on or after April 12, 2013. According to Insight, written notice of the planned discontinuance was mailed to all affected customers on February 4, 2013. Insight indicates that the notice informed customers of their options for obtaining alternative service offerings and also informed them that they would have an opportunity to switch to Insight's Digital Phone (VoIP) service at no additional cost. Insight maintains that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance because customers have been provided with adequate notice and have access to comparable domestic telephone services offered at competitive prices. Insight represents that it is non-dominant with respect to the services it proposes to discontinue.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Insight's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Insight that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Insight indicates that it plans to discontinue circuit-switched local exchange services in Columbus, Ohio on or after April 12, 2013. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, Insight may terminate circuit-switched local exchange services in Columbus, Ohio on or after April 12, 2013. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before March 26, 2013. Such comments should refer to WC Docket No. 13-64 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1087. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/">http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/</a>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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